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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A European Search Report dated June 7, 2006 that issued in a European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. The cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. The cited non-U.S. documents are also attached hereto.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood from the citation of this document in the attached European Search Report dated June 7, 2006.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and

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